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The result of yesterday's proceedings before the City Conservative Committee proves that the 1st, like all the other wards of the city in the late primaries, elected Neale delegates to the Congressional Convention, so that Alexandria will have a solid Neale delegation in that convention. The incidents connected with the election of the delegates from this city induce us to advise the conservative voters of the whole district to elect other than Hunton delegates to the convention to assemble here next month. It is the desire of every true conservative in Virginia to secure the success of the nominee of his party, for, if a party ever deserved success, it is that which by redeeming its own State from the thraldom of radical carpet bagism set the example which the whole South followed, and which culminated in the election of a democrat who, had it not been for the Electoral Commission, would have been President of the United States. The fruition of such a laudable desire will not be promoted by the nomination of Gen. Hunton, for circumstances are now such that a man even with an invulnerable record, and with no enemies, will have to use his best efforts to be elected from this dis trict. That Gen. Hunton is not such a man all now know, and if the same indiscretion that has characterized his course in the present cam paign in this city has marked his relations with his congressional colleagues it is no longer a wonder that his congressional life has resulted in neither profit nor honor to his district, his imagines that he is again acting as Stonewall State, or to the South. Befere his late speech here every one felt kindly toward him. All knew that he was neither an able statesman, a brilliant crator, nor an accomplished legislator, but all believed him to be an amiable, average Congressman, and were disposed to reverse the order of things, and look upon his political blunders not as crimes, as the majority de, but as errors of the head, not of the heart; and if many thought that six years and thirty thousand dollars amply requited a claim founded only upon the fact of his having fought, like thousands of other men now forgotten, under "Old Shanks Evans," at Ball's Bluff, they neither misrepresented, assailed, nor abused | test on the original returns of Supervisor Veahim, but simply expressed their preferences for say, which were made up by the witness at other gentlemen, and did so in unexceptionable language; and, speaking of what we know, we say that had General Hunton pursued a differ- giving the republicans 400 more votes than the ent course in this canvass he would have been original statement. the second choice of the delegates from this city. Now, however, all this is changed, and he has charged it. He came here, abused the city committee without cause, accused the city paper of being actuated by a spirit of revenge because it supported the city's candidate; acoused other papers in the city and distriet of being bribed to oppose bim; stirred up | He believed from this fact that the democrats ill feeling and strife among the voters, and got into a personal quarrel with one of the oldest and truest democrats in Washington, whose house to a paper which was not read to hide numerous friends throughout the district have and of the contents of which he was ignorant. espoused his cause. In other words he has disturbed the unity and destroyed the harmony of the party, provoked damaging charges against himself, and made personal enemies, and all simply because some conservatives—we are led to believe a majority of the district; certainly a majority of those in Alexandriathink that he has not pre-empted the Congressional honors and emoluments of this district, and that as he is neither a Daniel Webster nor a Henry Clay some other gentleman might be allowed a chance to be elected, and the people, an opportunity of testing, by comparison, the qualifications of those who aspire to be their representatives. His course, however, has not weakened himself as much as it has his party, and if the few conservatives in the counties who take part in the primaries send Hunton delegates to the convention notwithstanding all the objections that attach to him, the disqualifica tions he is known to possess, and his ascertained unpopularity, they will have themselves to blame for his defeat. Party ties are not as binding as they used to be when there was danger of radicalism, and though all true conservatives will work as hard for Gen. Hunton's election, if he be the nominee of the convention, as they would do were their own favorite the candidate, they will be heavily handicapped from the start, and the race will be up hill to the last, with defeat staring them in the face the whole way. There is no prominent conservative now in the district against whom so much that is especially condemned by Virginians—we allude to the charges brought by Mr. Alexander-can be adduced as Gen. Hunton, and if the conven-

To-morrow will be the seventeenth anniversary of the day on which the 17th Regiment of Virginia Infantry, in which were most of the troops from this city, received its baptism of fire at Bull Run. When the many of those, then in the full flush of youth and health, with whom we talked and laughed on that day, come to us only as memories of vanished hands and voices that are still, we are more and more disposed to regard life as the bubble in the fountain, and to appreciate the wisdom of the sage, who declared it the vanity of vanities, is a married man, and was a retired officer of and were it not that we object to be like dumb the regular army on half pay when he was ment through British influence. driven cattle, and have still left some regard appointed collector under President Grant's for our district and State, we would not take administration. He lost an arm in the war of half the interest we do in securing a better representative in Congress from this district and has been considered rather weak minded. than General Hunton.

We have received from Dr. Thomas Pollard, State Commissioner of Agriculture, a copy of his cross stock and labor report for the month of June.

The present so called democratic House of Representatives, during its late session, as we have heretfore said, did nearly allit was capable of doing toward making the next House repub lican, and the little it left undone the committecs appointed by it to sit during the recess are trying their best to accomplish. As a sample of the valuable assistance thus rendered we quote the following from the Washington Star,

an orthodox republican journal :-"With one Congressional committee soon to New Orleans, another to meet at White Sulphur Springs, and another adjourned to meet at Atlantic City, it won't take the two Houses of Congress long to divide themselves up into special committees of inquiry and investigation for the express purpose of spending the hot season at fashionable summer resorts at the expense of the public.'

If Virginia had such men in Congress now as she used to have whonex Gov. Letcher was called "the watch dog of the Treasury," representatives elected as democrats would not be so foolish as to supply their enemies with sticks to break their heads, as they now do.

Mr. Henry Fitzbugh, of Sherwood Forest, Stafford county, in a letter to the Fredericksburg Star, takes decided ground against the system of "hilling" in the cultivation of corn. We don't know how tall corn will grow without being "hilled," but there is a stalk that was "billed," now on exhibition in this office, sixteen feet high and four inches in circumference. We once knew a man who attempted to raise a crop of corn by dropping it in rows on unplowed ground, covering it with a shovel plow. and then leaving it to the watch and ward of pature, but he only gathered nubbings and not many of them.

The radical papers say it is a mistake to suppose that contributions to the republican campaign funds are not coming in rapidly. We never heard that anybody was foolish enough to suppose any such thing. People have too much trouble in getting office to risk losing it by a failure to "come to time" when those to whom the offices belong call upon them.

General Banks declares that all side issues among the radicals must be dropped, and that all efforts be directed to fighting the rebels .-The General has gotten into his dotage and Jackson's commissary.

The Presidential Fraud.

Before the Potter sub committee, in New Orleans, yesterday, A. J. Reynolds, of West Felicianna Parish, testified as follows : I walk ed with Mrs. Jenks, at Donaldsonville, in 1877, and thanked them for his reception. He said from Weber's house to the hotel. Mrs. Jenks Lord Salisbury and himself had brought back have them we are informed (and having been peace, but a peace he hoped with honor such near these red springs) that Mr. Alfred Elliott, from Weber's house to the hotel. Mrs. Jenks the Sherman letter on his person when he was killed. I had a conversation with D. A. Weber after the election. He told me he was not going to make a protest.

John Clegg, of Lafayette Parish, Secretary of the Senate, testified that there was no pro-Veasay's request. Veasay swore to them and brought them to New Orleans, where another set was made, throwing out three polls and

J. W. Armistead, colored, of West Peliciana Parish, testified that he made an affidavit be fore the returning board. Witness said it was prepared at the custom house; that he never read it, and he now denies many of the statements made thereis.

Andrew Dancan, a colored republican of West Feliciana, testified regarding the organization of colored democratic clubs in the parish. would carry the parish, as the negroes complained of bad government, &c. Witness acknowledged making affidavit in the custom Mr. Stenger then read the affidavit, and the witness denied most of the statements made therein, and said he did not authorize them or

ever make such statements. Thomas Stewart, colored, of West Feliciana, who went to St. James' Parish before the election and did not vote, and after the election, was subprepared to come to the city and make an affidavit, testified :

They took me to the custom house, but asked me no questions; kept me there three days. They called me to sign a paper, and then swore me. I don't know what they put down, as they didn't read it to me; cannot read myself. The affidavit as published was read to the witness, who decied almost every important statement in it, saying: "I didn't tell them anything like that." Witness knew of many colored men who, like himself, joined democratic clubs.

Virginia News.

A special to the Richmond Dispatch, dated Ab. ingdon, yesterday, says: "This afternoon a horse attached to a single buggy ran away with Mrs. James P. Hines, Miss Venie Hines, and Miss Belle Anderson. They were coming towards town, and the horse dashed furiously and madly away. Miss Hines, who held the reins, was pulled over the dashboard. Holding to them, she was dreadfully and dangerously burt, her injuries producing immediate concussion of the brain. The other ladies were thrown from the buggy and badly though not seriously hurt. The horse dashed through the streets with fragments of harness and shafts attached, the latter baving out him and torn him badly.'

At a political meeting held at Harrisonburg, yesterday, resolutions were adopted declining to support candidates for any office, either State or National, except genuine readjusters, and also for a Congressional convention of re-

Among those who have obtained patents are R. B. Wood, Richmond, medicinal beverages; tion be wise and desire to have its nominee C. E. Hunter, Fredericksburg, plow; H. A elected it will select some other man for its Turner, Bedford county, fig fan motors; J. M. Quisenberry, Salem, mill spindles.

The conservatives of Prince Edward county have elected their delegates to the Congressional convention for the Petersburg district, and instructed them to vote for Col. S. F. Coleman. The Governor yesterday pardoned William Stewart, of Rockingham county, sentenced to

two months in jail for unlawful gaming. A Cowardly Crime.

NEW YORK, July 17.-A dispatch from Buffalo says that John Tyler, collector of customs at that port, is soon to be removed by President Hayes. Tyler is charged with having anduced the young daughter of an old resident. and well known business man of Buffalo. Tyler the rebellion, and has been a satisfactory and rather popular collector. The girl is motherless, Tyler asked for time, till to-day, to make his explanation or denial, and the story of both was charged with being one of the men who greatest demand was for 4, 42 and 5 per cent. sides will then be reported to Washington.

J. Bennett, arrived at New York in the steam- was shown, however, that the money belonged to \$3,000,000 have been disposed of in this er St. Laurent yesterday.

Foreign News. THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Lord Salisbury says the modifications ob tained at the congress are very large, affect al most all the articles of the treaty, have recov ored large territory for the Sultan, and tend to assure the stability and indeper dence of Turkey. The dispatch combats the allegation that the government had abandoned the policy indicated in Lord Salisbury's circular of April 1 .-The object of the British policy, namely, pre be nominally at work at a watering place near vention of Russian preponderance, has been substantially attained. Lord Salisbury points to the fact that the pecuniary indemnity has been altogether excluded from the treaty of Berlin, the congress having declined to revise the arrangement, which, being to intraction of the treaty of Paris, it was within the competence of two independent Powers to conclude. The result of the declaration made by the Russians in the congress that they would neither claim territory in lieu of the indemnity nor prejudice the claims of other creditors, is that the payment of the indemnity is postponed to an infinitely remote period.

Lord Salisbury concludes: "Whether use will be made of this, probably the last, oppor tunity obtained for Turkey by the interposition of the Powers, and particularly by England, depends on the siccerity with which Turkish statesmen now address themselves to the duties of good government and reform.

The Roumanian Chambers will probably adourn on the 18th of July and reassemble to consider the treaty of Berlin about the 1st of September, unless, as is possible, a general election shall be ordered for an assembly specially to decide upon the requisite changes in the constitution.

According to the latest advices from Central Asia a force of Russian artillery engineers and cavalry has left Tashkend. This movement is connected with on order of the day recently published in Tashkend for an advance towards Le Temps believes that the Russians are

now marching to invade Bokbara, and that this is an answer to the Cyprus treaty. A Parish dispatch to the Telegraph states

that M. Waddington brings from Berlin writ ten assurance that England will not take any independent action in regard to Egypt. France obtains no other benefits, as reported by some French newspapers. A dispatch from Rome reports that meetings

urging the annexation of Southern Tyrol to Italy will shortly be held in Rome and Milan. The Italian Ministerial journal, the Diretto, in the ccurse (f an official justification of Italy's policy at the congress says: "The Anglo Turkish convention causes us much anxiety, and opportunity will not be wanting to set forth quietly and at length the grounds of our distrust and repugnance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

After reaching his residence in London, yes erday, Lord Beaconsfield in response to repeated calls from the crowd, appeared at a window as would satisfy the sovereign and the country.

Charles Marvin, the copying clerk in the treaty department of the Foreign Office, charged with stealing a copy of the Salisbury-Schoule must be great indeed, because before becoming treaty department of the Foreign Office, chargvaloff agreement and forwarding it to the Glote, so he must have acquired entire mastery over has been discharged, the judge declaring that the evidence for the prosecution afforded no ground for the committal of the accused.

A dispatch from London says: The nail makers, to the number of 10,000, in the O.d. Hill, Dudley Rowley, and Hales Owen district have struck for an advance of 30 per cent. on their wages. Ten thousand more will join the strike by the end of the week.

The general parliamentary elections in Austro-Hungary have been fixed for the 4th and 15th of August. Canvassing is already quite active, especially in Hungary, where the opposition party cry is sympathy for Turkey and condemnation of the Bosnian occupation. Herr Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, yesterday made a great speech to his constituents at Debreezin, warmly upholding the government's foreign policy, and arguing that the Bosnian cccupations will be the death blow to Panslavic intrigues on that part of Turkey which is so antagonistic to Hungarian interests and sym-

A correspondent at Rome states that in Monday's consistory an archbishop was precon pized for the See of Naples in defiance of the King's right of appointment.

M. Maurice Joly, the well known Rad en! advocate of Paris, has committed suicide, The miners of Anzin, which contains the

argest collieries of France, have struck work. Precautions have been taken to prevent threatened disturbances. LONDON, July 17 .- Radical agitation in Italy

against Austria's gains at Berlin and in favor of acquisition of the Trentino et cetera, is becoming so prominent that the government is playing draw poker. The cards were put up. apprehensive of its effect on Austrian susceptibilities. The manifesto published in the Dirette, the ministerial journal, declaring that "the Anglo-Turkish convention causes us much anx. iety, and opportunity will not be wanted to set forth quietly and at length the grounds of our of New York. distrust and repugnance" is an attempt to turo public attention from the dangerous subject of Austria's success to that of the English sequisition of Cyprus the discussion of which is not likely to trouble, especially as the manifesto declares that Italy could not at Berlin and can not elsewhere attempt to hieder the British action which all the other powers accepted.

The commission appointed by the ambassadors at Constantinople, consisting of the English and French Consuls General, the Austrian military attache, an Italian dragoman, a Russian secretay and a Turkish commissioner, will leave on Thursday in a Turkish steamer to investigate the alleged Russian and Bulgarian massacres in the Rhodope district.

London, July 17 .- The Greeks are maintaining a state of insurrection and anarchy in Thessaly and Epirus, fearing that pacification there would enable the Turks to indefinitely postpone a compliance with the directions of

the treaty of Berlin. The ambassadors of the Powers are delaying the dispatch of Turkish troops in iron clads to the Greek coast pending the efforts to set din-

lomacy in motion. Queen Mercedes, of Spain, takes place to day. nated Major Horace B. Strait, the present meeting opened yesterday. The race for the dorses Hayes. Liverpool cup took place to day, and was won

LONDON, July 17.- The value of house property at Beyrout and other Syrian villages has rescue him. risen greatly in consequence of the English oc-

cupation of Cyprus. result from the angry disappointed feeling of the Greeks at the Berlin treaty, but it is thought that the boundary question can only be settled upon the intervention of the Powers. M. Delyannie, the Greek envoy to Borlin, who is now in London, may be able to arrange a method for bringing the question to a settle-

Judge Barnard, of New York, has rendered a decision in the Brooklyn Court vacating the attachment obtained by Luther Slater, of Cam-

Letter from the Springs.

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, ROCKERIDGE COUNTY, VA., July 15, 1878. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

The nomme de plume over which we write to the Gazette can alone adequately describe the feelings with which we left Alexandria and all its cherished and venerable associations .-Of course we indulge the hope that we have some associations there which are not venerable-and they are very cherished. But of this no more; it makes us more an exile than ever to dwell on such agitating topics. Yes, the pious . Eneas was no more "exul patrice" than we. Had there been any Father Acchises in Alexandria the night after the election we would have borne him on our shoulders from out the blazing town. It was nothing in the world but our extreme devotion to our political stand ard in the late heated contest, which sent us, a shattered invalid and an exile from all we love, to these distant scenes. But then no exile could have reached a more

friendly port; no invalid could breathe a more fa giving air. With the situation of the Jordan Alum Springs in Rockbridge your readers are doubtless sufficiently familiar. The springs are best reached on the C. & O. R. R. from Goshen (eight miles distant) by stage; Nor do we propose at present to give any minute analysis of their celebrated waters. They are chalybeate and alum, and have been carefully analyzed by such distinguished chemists as Prof. Mallet, of the University of Virginia, and Dr. H. R. Noel, of Baltimore. It is impossi ble to overestimate their curative effects in the classes of cases to which thay apply, such as chronic diarrhes, chronic dysentery, chronic bronchitis and in secofulous affections. Also in debility, at min, acid dyspepsia, and general want of tone in the system they are most

valuable. We prefer to dwell on the charming situa tion of the springs, the well appointed hotels, and the excellent fare which the proprietor sets before his guests. Any one knowing Major J W. Cameron would feel sure that he could not do otherwise. He is a gentleman of far too much pride to have anything about him which is not first rate. In this respect we feel sure that he is not excelled by any landlord in America. He is if a very old North Carolina family, and is well known over the South, having at one time kept the Palaski House in Savannab. His class of acquaintances in Washington, too, is of the first order, having served before the war as an official of the Navy Department. His manager is Mr. J. N. Woodward, formerly of Rawley and Orkney Springs. A most experienced Resident Physician, Dr. B. B. Donaghe, of Staunton, gives the greatest sat-

isfaction to the guests. Before closing we must add a word or two of eaution to those proposing to visit the Jordan Alum. They must not drink the strong alum water which some of the springs contain except under the direction of the Resident Physician. And there is a certain class of waters here which should never be mixed with the mineral waters. The class I refer to is a remarkably large one, and is almost invariably of a not unattractive ruby color. In fact, it is a great deal better to of Alexandria, presides over these fountains, to ceeding in this department the popular and inhimself Is not this the most generally received definition of greatness? AN EXILE.

News of the Day.

A sheriff's posse, pursuing horse thieves, came up to them at Bole's Ranch, Colorado, and were fired upon by the thieves. The posse returned the fire, killing one instantly and mortally wounding the second, who died in six hours, but refused to give their names or any information. On preparing the bodies for burial it was discovered that the smaller robber, who had been killed at the first fire, was a woman, young and delicately formed, and decidedy handsome. She had been mistaken for a boy. She was heavily armed, and was the first horses, and had all in their possession.

Although the Secretary of the Treasury and he Attorney General concur in the opinion that the exchanges of gold for notes from the Treasury cannot be made before the 1st of January next, yet there is nothing to prevent the payment of gold on Government account, and the smaller gold coins will be likely to get into circulation in that way. The coin balance in the Treasury now amounts to over two hundred and six million dollars. There is a general impression about the departments that the salaries of Government employees for July are to be paid in specie-gold, standard silver dol lars, and the minor silver coio.

Coming up on the Troy boat from New York Monday night three men swindled Edward Nge, a Hollander, out of 31,000 francs Nye was given four kings and the sharpers four aces. The swindlers were arrested in Troy yesterday morning and 25,000 francs recovered from them. The men gave the names of John H. Cooper, Charles Adams, and John Haley,

The resignation of Mr. Dodge, the Statisti cian of the Department of Agriculture, is understood by those who know his views to be intended as a protest against what he alleges to be incompatency and recklessness in the management of the affairs of that department. Mr. Dodge's connection with the Department of Agriculture dates from its origination, sixteen years ago to day.

Last Tuesday a party of Indians at the Standing Rock agency seized Major Hughes, the agent there, and dragging him down to the Missouri river, tried to drown him. The report intimates that although Colonel Carlin. the military officer stationed there, rescued Major Hughes from the Iodians, he could have prevented the assault had he deemed proper to

A dispatch from Raleigh, N. C., says:-"Col. R. Winston has announced himself as a candidate for Congress in Greensboro district as a representative of the national party. Col. Winston heretofore has been a stanneh dem.

The republican Congressional convention for MADRID, July 17 .- The funeral of the late | the Second Minnesota district yesterday nomi-LONDON, July 17 .- The Liverpool July member, on the first ballot. The platform en-

Geo. Jones and Louis Bell, seamen belonging by Mr. Jordine's four year old ch. c. Strath- to the bark America of New Haven, outward rom New York, were drowned yesterday. Jones fell overboard and Bell attempted to

> The steamship City of Limerick which ar rived at New York this morning reports that on the 13th inst., latitude 42° 31' longitude 52° 31 met a Guion steamer exhausting her steam through the engine room sky light.

> The steamer Montana from New York for Quebec and Liverpool, about which anxiety was expressed, passed Crook Haven at 4.40 o'clock this morning.

United States Bonds.

NEW YORK, July 17 .- There was an unusual heavy movement in United States bonds yesterday, the sales at the First National Bank bridgeport, against the dwelling house of Wm. | alone amounting nearly \$4,000,000, the orders H. Moore on 13th street, Brooklyn. Moore representing all parts of the country. The robbed the Cambridgeport National Bank of bonds. It was stated yesterday that a number \$100,000 and it was claimed that he bought of Government bond sales are being made for James Gordon Bennett and his sister, Miss this house with a pertion of the money. It European account, and that bonds amounting city during the past week.

The Indian War.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16 .- A Portland dizpatch says: -"The following dispatch has been received from General Wheaton, dated Umatella 15:h iest. : - "The hostiles are reported to be moving from their position near the headquarters of McKay's creek. I send Forsyth with a cavalry column in quick pursuit and follow him with Miles' column. McBeau the Umatilla interpreter, with the Umatilla scouts are now fighting the Bannocks raiding parties, and the Snakes chief Egan is reported killed. A gentleman who arrived here from Yakima thousand Simoses there commanded by Chief Joseph Squires, but he has little or no influence with the tribe. They have few arms and no ammunition and even if so inclined could not offer the hostiles battle. Thus far they are peacefully disposed and Agent Wilbur apprehends no danger from them, although some of the renegade and disaffected Indians have been missing of late. Chief Moses with all his quintallicums is camped in Keteltas Valley and the settlers are afraid they may conclude to commit depredations, in consequence of which they are seeking the protection of the towns. Yakima City, on the boundary of the Simcoe reservation. is full of people. On last Wednesday 30 hostile Bannocks and Snakes crossed the lower end of the reservation stealing and driving away steek. They shot at a boy on horseback who returned the fire killing one of the redskins.

The boy escaped by hard riding."
A Boise City dispatch says: - "It is not true that the Umatillas have joined the hostiles. On the contrary 100 warriors have joined Col. Forsyth and fought the hostiles yesterday bringing in 22 scalps and 300 horses.

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY .- According to a legend, when Sr. Swithin died, in the ninth century, his last request was that he might be interred outside of the burial ground, under the eves of the church, where the common people might have free access to his grave. This request was granted, and for a hundred years his bones remained undisturbed in the spot which he had chosen for their repose.

"Then it was decided to remove them for the purpose of erecting a cathedral over his canonized bones. The day set apart for this work was on the 15th day of Ju'y, and when the resurrectionists began their sacreligious work the heavens opened on them with such torrents of rain that they were compelled to postpone the job until the next fair day."

As it continued to pour, however, for the succeeding forty days, by the time the damp ness had subsided the enterprise had exploded and St. Swithin was allowed to "sleep on in the grave where the Britons had laid him. Since then, so the legend ruos, as the 15:h

of July is fair or foul, so the weather will be the next succeeding forty days. As the sainted bishop neglected Monday to open the flood gates of his lachrymal glands, it is probable that he considers his bones will rest in peace for the next forty days and that there will be no more rain for that period.

TRULY DISTRESSING AFFAIR. The remains of little Erns, daughter of Capt. J. G. and Mrs. Aurelia Meem, of Mount Airy, whose death the great satisfaction of their frequenters, suc- | was announced Saturday morning, were brought to this city Sunday morning accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Mason and Major S. P. Halsey. They were taken to the residence of Mrs. Col. Halsey, where the funeral service was read by Mr. Mason, and the body was then conveyed to Spring Hill Cemetery and interred in the family burying ground.

This is truly a sad calamity, and one well calculated to call forth earnest sympathy. The particulars are these: Mrs. Meem started on a drive, in her pt.e.on, to Rude's Hill, the residence of Mr. Wm. Peachy. In crossing the creek at the foot of the hill, the ford being roughg, Mrs. Meem placed her arms around the two children to hold them in, and the reins fell from her hold. The horse, which was Mr. Meem's old "Duster," well known in this city, after he had crossed the creek, finding himself loose and being annoyed by the flies, started in a trot, and Mrs Meem becoming alarmed, lift. to fire on the pursuingp arty. There was no ed the little girl out and then jumped out herclue to their identity. They had stolen five self with the other child in her arms, she tell and was considerable hurt as was also the child. The ittle girl, Erna, got up and ran to her and asked, 'Ma, are you hurt? let us go back home.' Mrs. M. started back, carrying the baby in her arms. Soon she noticed that Krns was growing deathly pale, and laying the child down, took her up and hurried to the creek to bathe her face. She did so, but as the little girl did not rally, she waded over the stream to lay her in the shade of the willows on the other bank. This being done and no signs of life returning, the dreadful truth soon flashed on her that her little darling was dead-that she had truly crossed over the river and rested under the shade of the trees-the river of life, the trees of paradise. Thus, like a flash, had this appalling disaster come upon the agonized mother-one child lay dead and the other writhing in pain. It is not known whether the death was the result of fright or of internal injury. The other child is not seriously hurt and it is supposed will soon be well. Mrs. Meem is prostrated by the terrible blow, both physical and mental; and her friends are uneasy about her. Capt. Meem was absent at the time in Alexandria, and was telegraphed for, to find on his return the idol of his household broken. It is needless to say that they have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in Lynchburg.-Lynchology

FIVE CHILDREN AT ONE BIRTH .- The most remarkable birth ever known in the history of accouchments occurred at or near Salesville, Ohio, on last Monday night. Mrs. McCormick gave birth to five healthy children, four boys and one girl. The medical works have but few instances of such wonderful births, and when they do occur the children have scarcely been known to live. In this case the mother and children, in the common language on such occasions, are "doing well." The community there is excited, and the famous father is the hero of all the country around about, and his fame will spread on the wings of the newspapers from one prime 102aloc; do amber 107al10; No 2 West end of the country to the other. His home is already an object of pilgrimage for all the old 100. Corn-Southern steady; Western firm an women of the region.

Two births of four children have occurred within the last fifteen years near this region, but this out does all recorded occurrences perhaps in

LABOR IN BREMEN. - The United State Consul at Bremen, in his report on the condition of abor and trade in the consular district to the Department of State, gives the following, among

Wages-Agricultural laborers, per week, 1: marks (a mark equals 24 cents;) shoemakers, 10 to 15 marks; tailors, 20 to 25 marks; blacksmiths, 10 to 12 marks; carpenters and masons, 15 to 20 marks; joiners, 10 to 12 marks; laborers on pubic works and railways, 9 to 15 marks. The cost of living for unmarried men, about 8 marks a week; families of five persons, from 15 to 18 marks. To make life at these rates possible the women work in their gardens and in the fields; in towns they keep small shops, peddle fish or fruit, knit or sew. Wages are less; the cost of living about the same now as in 1873. Trade is very dull, and failures of small traders are of daily occurrence. Real estate has depreciated 50 per cent. since 1873 under ruinous forced sales.

Fitz John Porter trial now in progress at West Point was Charles W. Williams, aid-de-camp of the Confederate General D. R. Jones, who was at Thoroughfare Gap on the 28th of August. He is now a lawyer at Richmond, Va. He testified, as have other witnesses, as to General Longstreet's position in front of General Porter

The Second Battle of Manassas.

The first witness examined yesterday at the

on the 29th, and gave details. He also cor-roborated other witnesses in saying there was only artillery firing on the 29th, except that Hood had a severe fight near sundown, but he made no reference to any general engagement. In reply to General Schofield, he said the principal firing was artillery, when Hood and Evans were engaged.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Al. dermen, held July 16, 1878, there were present E. E. Downbam, esq., President, and Messre Burroughs, Moore, Marbury, Strauss, Rishe.

and Smith. A petition of W. H. Muir for a discount of his tax bills; also a report of the Finance Committee in favor of accepting the proposition Henry W. Garnett to settle the taxes due on the property of the late Dr. J. C. Hill by the par ment of \$257; also a bill of B. Brawner, \$1870 as registrar of the 3d ward; also a bill ci to Alexandria Gazette, \$249.50; also the resigns. Valley brings the following news concerning the tion of Dr. Wm. Gibson as Physician to the state of affairs at the agency. There are two Poor; also a petition of Wm. Cowling for a reduction of assessment, was received from the Common Council and the action of that bos-

> concurred in. The Board proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of electing officers, and upon their return adjourned. JNO. J. JAMIESON. Clark

COMMON COUNCIL.

At an adjourced meeting of the Common Coureil of the city of Alexandria, held July 15, 1575 there were present: James T. Beckham, esq. President, and Messra. Latham, Moore, Adams Stanton, Ficklin, Rice, Broders, Smith, Eice berg, Schoffeld, McLean, Evans, Hill, fim-

The report of the Committee on Fisance :: commending the acceptance of Henry Wise Ga nett's proposition to settle the arrests of taxes on the property formerly owned by the late U: J. C. Hill by the payment of \$057 in cash, was adopted.

Bills of Basil Brawner for services as registrar.

amounting to \$13.70, and of the Alexandria Gazette, amounting to \$249.50, for public print-

ing, were ordered to be paid.
The resignation of Dr. Whr. Gibson as one of the Physicians to the Poor was read and so-

The petitions of William H. Muir, alleging certain errors in the assessment of his real pro; erty, and praying for relief in the premises, so of William Cowing praying for a reduction assessment and an abatement of tax on the house and lot on the south side of King street, between Alfred and Patrick, were referred to the Com-

mittee on Finance. Mr. Smith was requested by the President : invite the Board of Aldermen to meet this boats in joint convention for the purpose of proceed. ng with the election of city officers, and the invitation being accepted and the two bear

being in joint convention assembled. Mr. Smoot moved to elect a Physician to Poor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the re- g nation of Dr. Wm. Gibson, which motion by adopted, and on the further motion of M Smoot the said vote was reconsidered; then upon the election of other officers was proceeds. with, and the following persons having receive a majority of the votes of the whole convention were declared elected to the offices respective.

Policemen-John Lawler James Smith, Henry A. Crump, Julian Arnold. James T. Walk-er, B. F. Beuls, Edward Goodrich, Thomas Hayes, Joseph Horseman, Jeremiah Franss, Matthew Lattin, Rolla Henry Christopher Lyles, Robert Tomiin and John C. Nightingsh, Readyman-Ferdinand Travis, George Ogder, William Mullen and George H. Lyles.

The joint convention then dissolved. On the motion of Mr. Latham the printed ules of the former Council were adopted for the government of this board until further ordere The Board then adjourned JAMES R. CATON, Clerk

COMMERCIAL,

Wholesale Quotations in Alexandria Family 5 20 (4)
Fancy brands 6 25 (4)
Wheat, common to fair 0 65 (4)
Good to prime 0 85 (4) Yellow..... Eggs Hogs Apples Potatoes per bushel, new Onions, per bush..... Bacon, Hams, country...... u 11 @ 0 12 Best sugar cured Hama ... 0 12 Butchers' Hams..... 0 11 Western..... U 12 Sides Timothy..... Plaster, ground, per ton...... Ground, in bags or bbla... slt, G. A. (Liverpool)...... Fine.....

Hsy..... 12 00 The steek of Flour on hand is light, and th enquiry is better, and though we make a change in quotations, prices are firmer. The oul? new Flour yet received has been a few lots of low grade, made at the mills near this city Wheat is scarcely so firm, and 102 was the highest price paid to-day; sales of 2200 bushels at alc2 as to quality. One small lot of white Co sold 58. No Rye reported, and Oats brought Country produce quiet and unchanged.

Washed

Merino, unwashed

Do. washed.....

Sumac.....

GEORGETOWN CATTLE MARKET, July 10 -The market at Drovers' Rest to-day was good We quote: 200 Cattle offering, all of which so. at from 4a55 per 100 lbs gross; 900 Sheep an Lambs sold as follows: old Sheep 3a54; Lamb 4 75,\$5 50; 10 Cows and Calves sold at from : to \$40 each.

BALTIMORE July 17 .- Virginia 61, old, do deferred 4: Virginias, consolidated, 5.1; do 24 series 281; due coupons 751. Cottos quiet; middling 114a111. Flour stoady and un changed. Wheat-Southern active and firm Western active, firm and higher; Southern rewinter red spot 1002; July 102; Aug and Sept higher: Southern white 52; do yellow Western mixed spot and July 49; August 4: Sept 491; steamer 421a427. Oats firmer at quiet; Southern 30235; Western white 32 mixed 80; Penna 31. Rye nominal. Hay changed. Sugar strong and active at the Coffee tirm and unchanged. Whiskey in

New York, July 17 .- Stocks irregular, Mot ey 12a2. Gold 1001a1002. Flour quiet and are Wheat a shade tirmer and quiet. Corn :=better and moderately active.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JULY 17.

San rises...... 4 51 | Sun sets............. 7 -Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F A Lee

Schr Quail, Rappahannock, to W A Sm Sch. Marion Draper, Kennebec, to J W H-Schr Clarinda, Washington, to Jne P Agnew

Schr Lotte, Washington, to John P Age

Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by FA K of Schr Lotts, Boston, by J P Agnew & Co. PASSED UP. Brig Onalaska and schr Lizzie Raymond MEMORANDA.

Schr Henrietta Simmons, Georgetown for New Haven, passed through Heil Gate 16th Schrs Abby K Bentley and Jas Young earled from Bath for Washington 13th.

CANAL COMMERCE. Arrived-Boats B R Summers, to Blaen Ave Coal Co; J R Anderson, to American Coal Co Departed-Boats M C Merryman and Win

Mertens. NEW CROP TEAS at J. C. MILBURN S.